(b) what is the total number of such incidents/cases as pointed out by the Commissioner has been brought to the notice of Government so far;

(c) what is the number of cases involving political interference and corruption; and

(d) what are the details of plan drawn up to sort out these problems?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir, the interview reported in 'Maya' besides giving an overview of DDA schemes for the betterment of J. J. & Slum dwellers in Delhi makes a mention of some difficulties in the implementation thereof.

(b) to (d) No such cases have been brought to the notice of the Government by the Commissioner (S. & J. J.)

Prices of Steel

2303. SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) the year in which the Steel prices were decontrolled;

(b) the expenditure incurred since then on the Joint Plant Committee till date and how much amount has been collected by it as cess on steel;

(c) whether the Joint Plant Committee had recently invested about Rs. 5 crores on the construction of office buildings flats and guest houses; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) Prime non-flat categories of steel were decontrolled effective from 1st March 1964 and the other categories with effect from 1st May, 1967.

(b) During the period from 1-3-1964 till 31st March, 1987 the total cumulative income of the Joint Plant Committee by way of cess was Rs. 16.42 crores and the total cumulative expenses of the Committee were Rs. 14.27 crores. Income and expenditure included for the year 1985-86 and 1986-87 are provisional pending final audit.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Prime Minister's 15-Point directive on recruitment of minorities

2304. SHRI KAILASH PATI MISHRA: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to refer to the reply to Unstarred Question 1213 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 6th March, 1987 and state:

(a) the names of the communities to which the special consideration would apply in the matter of recruitment to various services and upto what extent; and

(b) the response of each of the States and Union Territories thereto?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO) : Presumbly the Hon'ble Member is referring to the reply to Unstarred Question No. 1213 given in the Rajya Sabha dated 6th March' 1987. Reply is as follows:

(a) Prime Minister's 15-Point Programme is being applied to five national religious minorities namely, Muslims, Christians, Sikhs, Neo-Buddhists and Parsis. Suitable instructions for making the Selection Committees for recruitment representative by having a minority member to ensure that minorities are not discriminated against in the Selection Process, have been issued keeping in view the secular character of the State.

(b) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.